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SUBJECT: CHINESE IN BUCHAREST POLITELY DECLINE ATTEMPT

AT FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF US- PRC CONTACTS

REF: DEPT. A-3909 OF MAY 5, 1973

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE REFERENCED GUIDANCE ON US- PRC CONTACTS, CHARGE SOUGHT AN APPOINTMENT WITH CHINESE CHARGE, COUNSELOR LU TI SIN, TO PAY A BRIEF COURTESY CALL. AFTER FOUR DAYS (INCLUDING AN INTERVENING SUNDAY), EMBASSY RECEIVED A TELEPHONED REPLY FROM PRC EMBASSY POLITELY DECLINING CHARGE' S REQUEST. IN A CAREFULLY WORDED REPLY, CHINESE EMBASSY CONVEYED LU TI SIN' S APPRECIATION FOR CHARGE' S DESIRE TO CALL ON HIM; POINTED OUT THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS; THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO THAT END; AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CHARGE WOULD APPRECIATE AND UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ACCEDE TO THE REQUEST AT THIS TIME. COMMENT: FACT THAT CHINESE REQUIRED FOUR DAYS TO CONVEY ANSWER POSSIBLY INDICATES THAT PRC EMBASSY QUERIED PEKING FOR APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.

2. PARTICULARLY SINCE PRESIDENT' S VISIT TO CHINA, CHIEF OF
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MISSION AND OTHER MEMBERS EMBASSY STAFF HAVE HAD OCCASIONAL NORMAL SOCIAL CONTACT WITH PRC REPRESENTATIVES, PARTICULARLY AT RECEPTIONS AND PROTOCOLARY OCCASIONS, BUT ALSO AT DINNERS HOSTED BY THIRD- COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES. THESE CONTACTS HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO EXCHANGE OF SOCIAL PLEASANTRIES WITH EXCEPTION OF TWO OCCASIONS (REPORTED OUR A-078 OF APRIL 2, 1973). CHINESE HAVE ALSO ACCEPTED OUR INVITATIONS TO ATTEND LARGE REPRESENTATIONAL EVENTS (OPENING OF US FILM WEEK AND AMBASSADOR MEEKER' S FAREWELL RECEPTION) AND WE HAVE ACCEPTED CHINESE INVITATION TO GALA PERFORMANCE OF SHANGHAI ACROBATIC CIRCUS. POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF CHARGE' S REQUEST TO PAY COURTESY CALL, CHINESE CHARGE APPEARED TO BE MAKING PARTICULAR EFFORT IN ENGAGING IN FRIENDLY REMARKS WITH HIM AT MAY 21 AIRPORT CEREMONY FOR CEAUSESCU' S DEPARTURE TO ITALY, OFTEN TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN THE CONVERSATION.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING IF ATTITUDE OF PRC OFFICIALS IN BUCHAREST TO US- PRC CONTACTS IS SIMILAR TO THAT ADOPTED AT OTHER POSTS.
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